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The Honorable Roberta Jacobson
Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs
United States Department of State
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Dear Assistant Secretary Jacobson:

It is my understanding that you are attending the Mexico Business Summit, which begins today and continues through the next several days. The State Department, in promoting your visit, indicated that you will be holding bilateral meetings with Mexican officials on areas of mutual interest.

I urge you to raise the issue of imprisoned U.S. citizen and Marine Corps veteran, Andrew Tahmooressi—and ask that Mexico move to expeditiously return Andrew to his family so he can receive the treatment he needs. Andrew was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of his combat experience in Afghanistan. And there is consensus that Andrew is not receiving the treatment he requires, in addition to the fact that he never intended to enter Mexico.

Since Andrew was taken into custody, the State Department's leadership has taken insufficient interest in his case and both the response and actions by the Secretary of State and the President have been underwhelming and disappointing. And while Andrew's release could occur soon, due to developments in his legal case, it is still necessary for the State Department to show its support for Andrew at every opportunity. It is my sincere hope that you will take advantage of any opportunity at the Business Summit to show your support for Andrew on behalf of the State Department.

The evidence overwhelmingly favors Andrew. It's time for the State Department to step forward and insist on his release.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Duncan Hunter, written in a cursive script.

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress